

essor W. B. Morrison, president of Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Girls, is the moderator.

Erskine Brantley, S. C.

Presbytery of Mangum will meet in Central Presbyterian church Monday, October 21, 1918, at 7:30 P. M.

J. W. Moseley, Jr., S. C.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

Presbytery of Pee Dee will meet in Mullins, S. C., October 8th, at 8 P. M.

A. H. McArdu, S. C.

Cross Hill: Rev. H. Waddell Pratt, pastor of the Abbeville church, assisted the pastor of this church, Rev. W. D. Ratchford, in a two weeks' meeting, which began on the night of July 31st and continued through Sunday, August 11th. Two services were held daily, one at 11 A. M. and the other at 8:30 P. M. The attendance on all the services was good, and increased gradually till the last two meetings on Sunday morning and night, when it was the largest of all, about two hundred and fifty being present at each service.

The pastor and people made good preparation for the services, holding prayer meetings and practicing the hymns in the Billy Sunday song book. The pastor found that in the entire community, including all denominations, there were about twenty-seven persons not members of any church whom it might be possible to reach with the gospel. Of these sixteen actually came out publicly and made profession of faith in Christ and a larger number were received in the Presbyterian church during the meeting than had been received in any entire year in the previous four years.

There were more than twenty open backsliders, that is, men and women whom the community knew as neglecters of their duties to the church, who renewed their vows.

The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was manifest at all times, and there was an intense earnestness and quietness that pervaded the services.

McClellanville: This charming little village is just thirty-eight miles from Charleston, on the Atlantic coast, near the light-house, and facing the ocean, just eighteen miles from Georgetown. It has a Presbyterian, a Methodist and an Episcopal church. I am glad to say they are like one large family. The Methodist closed up their church on Sabbath, and worked with us all the time. We have about 100 members in this church, an educated, intelligent congregation, whose children are at our colleges, and fourteen of their young men have gone to the war. I preached twice each day, and held three services on Sabbath. The men of our congregation were specially attentive, knowing their days at home and in God's house are numbered. To many it was truly a season of blessing. The Rev. D. P. Junkin is the pastor of this church, which is called New Wappetaw. It is Indian in name, but not in nature. It is a delightful charge, and they are much pleased with their new preacher. He and his wife have also fallen in love with their flock. Mrs. Junkin is doing a fine work among the young of the congregation. I am glad I was permitted to preach for them. Four united by profession of faith. They heard gladly the word of life, the congregation growing at each service.

James Russell.

#### TENNESSEE.

Delrose: The union meeting between the Methodists and Presbyterians has closed with good results. There were five accessions to the Bethany church. Others yet to be re-

ceived. The whole community greatly revived.

J. T. Wade.

#### TEXAS.

Itasca: Wednesday night we closed a splendid meeting. It was held by Rev. Riley, pastor of the Methodist church, and myself. The night service was held in his church and the day service in our church. We took day about preaching, except on Sunday, when he took the morning service and I the night. We had the largest congregations of any meeting held in Itasca since I have been here, taking the morning and evening congregation together; for while some meetings have had larger night crowds, our morning congregations were nearly as large as the night, which no other meeting has had. We did not count those who came forward for reconsecration, of which there was a great number, but the number of those who joined the churches, in the ten days' meeting was four by letter and nineteen on confession of faith. There were no high-pressure methods resorted to. We simply preached the gospel and gave an invitation to come forward and accept Christ. The only other invitation was to join the church, and every one who came for confession did join the church immediately. Our church received eight members, seven on confession and one by letter. Of this number I baptized six. This is the second protracted meeting held in my church in the six years of my pastorate here. Our ingathering has been in the regular Sunday services. When I became pastor six years ago we had a residence membership of one hundred and three members. Since that time we have received one hundred and sixty new members, and only fourteen of them in meetings. Mr. Riley, who was with me in this meeting, is a fine man to work with, a good, strong gospel preacher, and a man of deep and earnest piety. I consider myself very fortunate in having him as a co-worker. The weather was intensely hot during the entire meeting, running almost every day to about one hundred degrees.

S. Addison McElroy.

Files Valley: A gracious and successful revival is now in progress in this church, of which Rev. J. M. Batte is pastor, being conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. John E. McLean, evangelist of Fort Worth Presbytery, in which there have been to date a great number of reclamations and conversions. The meeting is being held under "the gospel tent" owned by the Presbytery, and used for meetings of this kind. A later report will probably give visible results. The commission of Fort Worth Presbytery, appointed to install Rev. Junius M. Batte as pastor of this church, met and performed that duty on the evening of August 7th during the revival services.

J. D. McLean.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

Synod of West Virginia will meet in the First Presbyterian church in Huntington, W. Va., October 8, 1918, at 8 P. M.

J. M. Sloan, S. C.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. C. R. Lacy, from Franklin, W. Va., to Glade Springs, Va.

Rev. C. A. Cheval, from Rowena to 3129 Pennsylvania Avenue, Dallas, Tex.

#### PERSONAL.

Rev. C. A. Hyland writes that his address was omitted in the Minutes of the General Assembly, and that it is Yokena, Miss.

Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Church, had an interesting experience on Sabbath, July 28th, in New York City, which was entirely unexpected. Dr. Vance was in town to preach at the Central church. He received a telephone call from his elder son, Lieutenant William Currell Vance, of the 318th Field Artillery, saying he had from two to eleven o'clock that day for a furlough from Camp Mills, L. I., where any moment he was expecting to start for France. Dr. Vance did not dream his son was in the vicinity of New York. Father and son had a quiet time together, the last meeting for perhaps a very long time. Dr. Vance left on Monday for Bristol, Tenn., where he went to address a Bible conference. Last Sabbath he preached at the First church, Detroit, of which his brother, Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Vance, was formerly pastor. From August 5th to 10th he will be one of the principal speakers at East Northfield, Mass., before the General Conference for Christian Workers.—Philadelphia Presbyterian.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S THANKS TO THE CHURCHES.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman of the General War-Time Commission of the Churches, sent President Wilson a bound volume containing resolutions of loyalty adopted on Memorial Day by hundreds of churches throughout the country and representing thirty-nine denominations.

He received the following reply from the President:

The White House,  
Washington, 3 August, 1918.

My Dear Dr. Speer:

I thank you sincerely for sending me the very interesting and inspiring messages from the several churches which you have been kind enough to have made accessible to me in a binding. If I followed my own impulse, I would certainly reply to some of these messages, but I see only too clearly that if I began I should begin to discriminate as between one message and another or else be obliged to answer them all, which would be out of the question. I must content myself with asking you to avail yourself of any opportunity you may have to say with what interest and inspiration I have received them.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman, General War-Time Commission of the Churches, 105 East 22d St., New York.

#### ENLIST AND GO TO COLLEGE.

By Henry H. Sweets, Secretary.

The American Council of Education has secured Dr. Robert L. Kelly, secretary of the Council of Church Boards of Education, as campaign director and he has requested all the secretaries of education to act as assistant directors and give the information concerning enlistment, the draft laws and the colleges to the people at the earliest possible moment.

The attention of every Presbyterian is earnestly called to the following information, which has just been received at the office in Louisville, Ky.

Students' Army Training Corps.

The Students' Army Training Corps is the name given to the military organization to be perfected in the colleges this fall.

All able-bodied students in the college where a corps is organized may enroll or enlist. The enlisted student does not receive pay, because he is on inactive service. He is, however, in the military service of the United States. He may attend camp for six

weeks during summer, when he receives pay.

#### His Relation to the Draft.

The member of the Students' Army Training Corps is a volunteer in military service. He will, however, register when he reaches the age and upon notice by the president. The draft board will not call him for induction as long as he remains a member of the Students' Army Training Corps.

#### Not An Exemption Plan.

This is not a plan for the exemption of college students. The purpose of the plan is to provide for the very important needs of the army for highly trained men as officers, engineers, chemists, doctors, administrators. The plan is an attempt to mobilize and develop the brain power of the young men of the country for those services which demand special training.

The presumption is that, for the next year, the largest proportion of the student body reaching the required age will be used to supply the officers needed for the army. It is understood that at least four or five times as many officers will be required as the total number who will be graduated from all American colleges and universities. Enlistment in the Students' Army Training Corps, therefore, while it does not promise an officer's commission, is at the present time the plainest road leading in that direction. Enlistment may be cancelled by withdrawal from college.

Opportunity will be given for the enlisted student who so elects to transfer from army to navy or to be assigned to active service in one of the various special corps.

Regular uniforms, including hats, shoes and overcoats, will be furnished free to all members of the Students' Army Training Corps, by the government. Officer instructors and military equipment will be provided by the War Department.

#### UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Pastors, sessions, Sunday-schools and church treasurers will please remember that September is the month set apart by our controlling Synods for an offering for Union Theological Seminary.

There is need this year for very liberal help. Our plans are laid this session for many drastic war economies, and even then it will be impossible to come out even unless the churches make generous contributions. For instance, our fuel bills will be at least \$1,500.00 more than two years ago, and other unavoidable outlays have increased in proportion.

Please give due notice to the congregations, and when they have contributed, please make prompt remittance to William R. Miller, our treasurer, Richmond, Va.

The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary.

#### A BELL FOR A MISSION CHURCH.

When so many worldly things are calling on every hand enticing men away from remembering the Sabbath to "keep it holy," a church bell is essential in a community without clocks and with such enticing evils—to tell the people that it is the hour of worship, reminding others bent on pleasure that it is the Lord's day, welcoming strangers to the house of God and inspiring all who hear it—a call to come and worship him, the Lord, the Creator and Caretaker of us all.

At Harmony church, Tyro, Va., we are in need of a church bell. Who will claim the privilege of placing the first church bell in this entire section of the Blue Ridge Mountains to

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